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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, HTAUTOMAT  
SUBJECT : Letter of Recognition

1. For the last two years, ever since its establishment, HTAUTOMAT has operated under extraordinary circumstances. One of these circumstances is the fact that two units from different offices, namely, one from ORR and one from OCR, have been thrown together in activities requiring close cooperation continuously while still reporting through separate administrative channels.

2. Despite this possible handicap, the problems of conducting an expanding activity in new quarters quite remote from the headquarters, the heavy demands of overtime, and the constant pressure to meet deadlines, HTAUTOMAT has indeed exceeded in its performance our reasonable expectations. The aggressive, imaginative, and persistent way in which you and the members of your staff have carried out their responsibilities have made it possible to maintain a rate of exploitation in keeping with the collection of raw materials resulting in significant increment to our intelligence appreciation of vital foreign areas. The extension of the use of your facility to other agencies and in particular

the military Services, and the prompt service you have provided them has been an exemplary performance contributing greatly to our inter-agency relations.

3. I fully realize that ~~such~~ an operation as complex and detailed as that of HTAUTOMAT requires if it is to be successful the utmost in teamwork. It is obvious that this teamwork has been outstanding.

4. We look forward to the continuation of the great things that have been accomplished in HTAUTOMAT.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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